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(54) Title: LOW SHRINKING POLYMERIZABLE DENTAL MATERIAL

(57) Abstract: A low shrinking polymerizable dental material, includes a mixture of a polymerizable di- or poly(meth)acrylate, an alkoxyolated bisphenol dimethacrylate, a polymerizable monomer, a polymerization initiator and/or sensitizer, a stabilizer and a filler in a content of 70 to 85 per cent. The volumetric shrinkage during polymerization is less than 2.0 Vol-%.

Low shrinking polymerizable dental material**TECHNICAL BACKGROUND**

[0001] Dental filling materials often consist of polymerizable organic monomers and/or polymers, polymerizable monomers, polymerization initiators, and fillers. Known commercial dental composites exhibit useful mechanical properties, such as compressive strengths ranging from 300 to 500 MPa and flexural strengths ranging from 130 to 170 MPa. Furthermore, over the past years they have been improved with respect to abrasion resistance, marginal integrity, fatigue behavior and their optical properties. Nevertheless, a volumetric shrinkage of 2.5 to 4.0% often takes place during the polymerization of these composites. This may cause microfractures in the material and sometimes enamel edge cracks. Frequently, secondary caries are formed as result of these defects. Therefore, it is desirable to provide new composite materials that exhibit reduced volumetric shrinkage without sacrificing other useful properties

[0002] It is known to use 2,2-Bis-[p-(2-hydroxy-3-methacryloyloxypropoxy)-phenyl]-propane (Bis-GMA) as a monomer for dental materials due to its advantageous properties. However, it shows a relatively high viscosity that makes the application of low viscous monomers necessary. It is known that the shrinkage directly depends on the molecular weight of polymerizable organic monomers. On the other hand, increasing molecular weights of the monomers results in an increasing viscosity of the resin. Therefore, polymerizable monomers, such as oligoethyleneglycol dimethacrylates, are used to obtain a lower viscosity and allows the incorporation of desired amounts of fillers. However, polymerizable monomers show a relatively high shrinkage by themselves, for example 12.89 vol.-% for pure triethyleneglycol dimethacrylate. This leads to a high crosslinking density and brittleness.

[0003] Alkoxyated Bis-GMA's were used as relatively low viscous monomers in content of 15 to 30 % and applied in redox-polymerizable paste-paste composites. Frequently, in combination with other polymerizable monomers ethoxylated or propoxylated Bis-GMA was applied to improve mechanical properties, water sorption and wear resistance. Recently, composites were

used that comprise Urethane dimethacrylates, Triethyleneglycol dimethacrylate 2,2-Bis-[p-(2-hydroxy-3-methacryloyl-oxypropoxy)-phenyl]-propane, and the so called BisEMA6. Another is an ethoxylated Bis-GMA having 6 to 8 ethoxy moieties and it is used in contents of 15 to 45 %. All percents or "%" are by weight (w/w) unless otherwise noted.

[0004] Reaction products of diisocyanates and glycerol di(meth)acrylate have been used to prepare a cement composition. Furthermore, compounds have been prepared from vinyl urethane condensate (oxypropylated bisphenol-A), hexamethylene diisocyanate and hydroxypropyl methacrylate.

[0005] In US Pat. No. 4,089,763 a method of repairing teeth was described by using a composition comprising particles with a maximum dimension not greater than 500 μm (micrometers or "microns") and a polymerizable prepolymer containing at least two polymerizable ethylenically unsaturated groups being the reaction product of a urethane prepolymer and a polymerizable ethylenically unsaturated monomer.

[0006] Special monomers such as tricyclodecane derivatives, polyols, urethane dimethacrylates of diisocyanates and hydroxyalkylmethacrylates show a relatively low volumetric shrinkage which give reason to suppose that the use of monomers with a higher molecular weight would be successful in the application for dental composites.

DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION

[0007] It is therefore, an object of the invention, to provide a low shrinking, polymerizable dental material.

[0008] It is another object of the invention to provide such a material useful as a dental restorative material.

[0009] These and other objects of the invention, which shall become apparent from the following description, are achieved by the invention as hereinafter described and claimed.

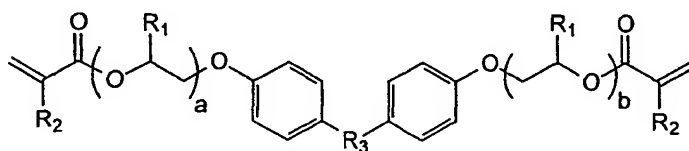
[0010] In general, a low shrinking polymerizable dental material, comprises a mixture of

- (i) 70 to 85 w/w of an organic or an inorganic filler and
- (ii) 15 to 30 % w/w of a polymerizable resin matrix

having a volumetric polymerization shrinkage of less than 2 % v/v (by volume). In an alternative embodiment, the material may be a mixture of

- (i) 25 to 40 % w/w of a polymerizable di- or poly(meth)acrylate,
- (ii) 45 to 65 % w/w of an alkoxyated bisphenol dimethacrylate,
- (iii) 0 to 20 % w/w of a polymerizable monomer,
- (iv) 0.1 to 3.0 % w/w of polymerization initiator and/or sensitizer and stabilizer and
- (v) 0 to 10 % w/w of an antimicrobial compound.

In a further embodiment, the alkoxyated bisphenol dimethacrylate can be characterized by the following formula

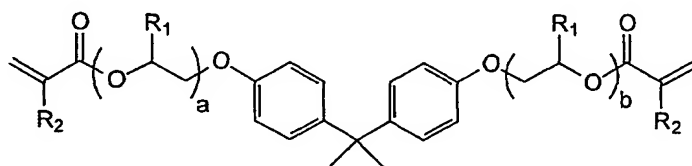


wherein R_1 and R_2 independently denote H (hydrogen) or a monofunctional substituted or unsubstituted C_1 to C_{18} alkyl, C_5 to C_{18} substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl, substituted unsubstituted C_5 to C_{30} arylene or heteroarylene

R_3 is a difunctional substituted or unsubstituted C_1 to C_{18} alkyl, O, S, SO_2 or $C(CF_3)_2$,

a and b are integers wherein $a + b$ is from about 2 to about 20.

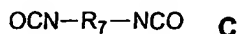
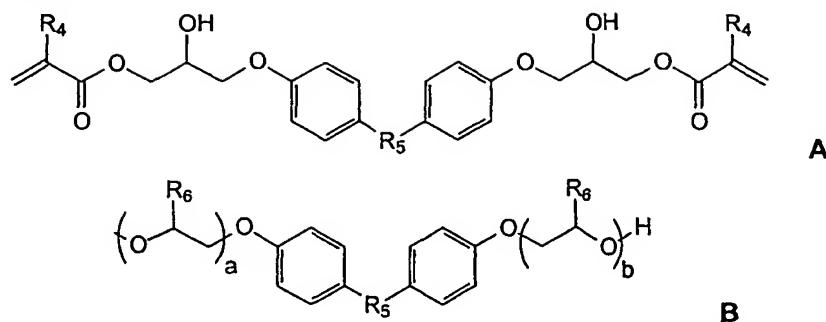
[0011] The alkoxyated bisphenol dimethacrylate may alternatively be characterized by the following formula



wherein R_1 and R_2 independently denotes H or a monofunctional substituted or unsubstituted C_1 to C_{18} alkyl, C_5 to C_{18} substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl, substituted unsubstituted C_5 to C_{30} arylene or heteroarylene

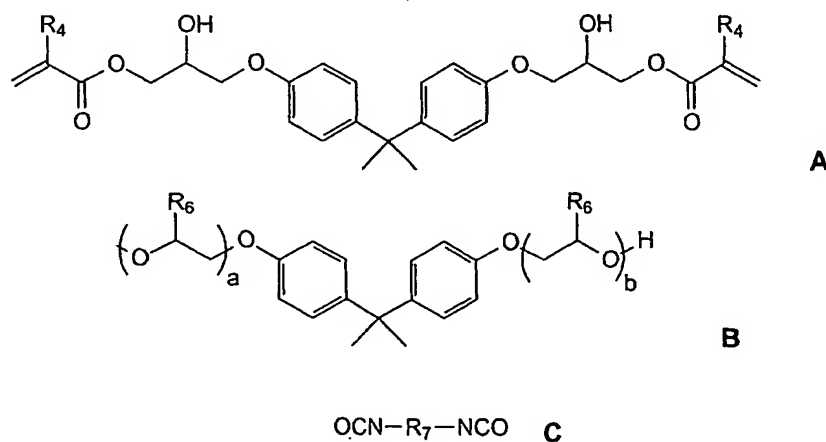
a and b are integers wherein $a + b$ is between about 2 and about 20.

[0012] In a still further embodiment, the polymerizable di- or poly(meth)acrylate is the reaction product of molecules **A** and **B** with **C**



whereby the molar ratio of **A** and **B** varies between 1.0 to 0 and 0.2 to 0.8 and the molar ratio of (**A** + **B**) and **C** varies between 1.0 to 0.05 and 1.0 to 1.1, wherein R_4 denotes H or a monofunctional substituted or unsubstituted C_1 to C_{18} alkyl, C_5 to C_{18} substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl, substituted unsubstituted C_5 to C_{30} arylene or heteroarylene; R_5 is a difunctional substituted or unsubstituted C_1 to C_{18} alkyl, O, S, SO_2 or $\text{C}(\text{CF}_3)_2$, R_6 denotes H or a monofunctional substituted or unsubstituted C_1 to C_{18} alkyl, C_5 to C_{18} substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl, substituted unsubstituted C_5 to C_{30} arylene or heteroarylene R_7 is a difunctional substituted or unsubstituted C_2 to C_{30} alkylene, C_5 to C_{30} substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkylene, substituted or unsubstituted C_5 to C_{30} arylene or heteroarylene a and b are integers.

[0013] In a further embodiment, the polymerizable di- or poly(meth)acrylate is formed from the reaction product of molecules **A** and **B** with **C**



[0014] whereby the molar ratio of A and B varies between 1.0 to 0 and 0.2 to 0.8 and the molar ratio of (A + B) and C varies between 1.0 to 0.05 and 1.0 to 1.1,

[0015] wherein R_4 denotes H or a monofunctional substituted or unsubstituted C_1 to C_{18} alkyl, C_5 to C_{18} substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl, substituted unsubstituted C_5 to C_{30} arylene or heteroarylene R_6 denotes H or a monofunctional substituted or unsubstituted C_1 to C_{18} alkyl, C_5 to C_{18} substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl, substituted unsubstituted C_5 to C_{30} arylene or heteroarylene R_7 is a difunctional substituted or unsubstituted C_2 to C_{30} alkylene, C_5 to C_{30} substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkylene, substituted or unsubstituted C_5 to C_{30} arylene or heteroarylene; and, a and b are integers as hereinabove.

[0016] The polymerizable monomer is a mono- or polyfunctional acrylate or methacrylate, such as diethyleneglycol dimethacrylate, triethyleneglycol dimethacrylate, 3,(4),8,(9)-dimethacryloyloxymethyltricyclodecane, dioxolan bismethacrylate, vinyl-, vinylen- or vinyliden-, acrylic- or methacrylic substituted spiroorthoesters, spiroorthocarbonates or bicyloorthoesters, glycerin trimethacrylate, trimethylol propane triacrylate, furfurylmethacrylate.

DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

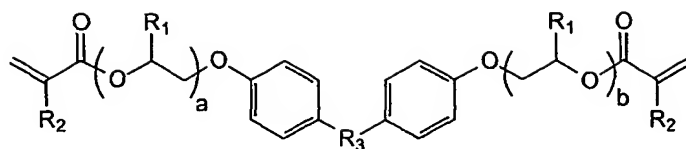
[0017] It has surprisingly been found that a low shrinking polymerizable dental material having a volumetric polymerization shrinkage of less than 2 % v/v is obtainable comprising a mixture of

- (i) 70 to 85 w/w of an organic or an inorganic filler and
- (ii) 15 to 30 % w/w of a polymerizable resin matrix.

[0018] The polymerizable resin matrix comprises a mixture of, for example,

- (i) 25 to 40 % w/w of a polymerizable di- or poly(meth)acrylate,
- (ii) 45 to 65 % w/w of an alkoxyated bisphenol dimethacrylate ,
- (iii) 0 to 20 % w/w of a polymerizable monomer and
- (iv) 0.1 to 3.0 % w/w of polymerization initiator and/or sensitizer and stabilizer.

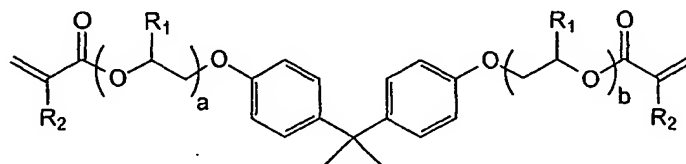
[0019] The alkoxyated bisphenol dimethacrylate may be characterized by the following formula



wherein R_1 and R_2 independently denote H or a monofunctional substituted or unsubstituted C_1 to C_{18} alkyl, C_5 to C_{18} substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl, substituted unsubstituted C_5 to C_{30} arylene or heteroarylene;

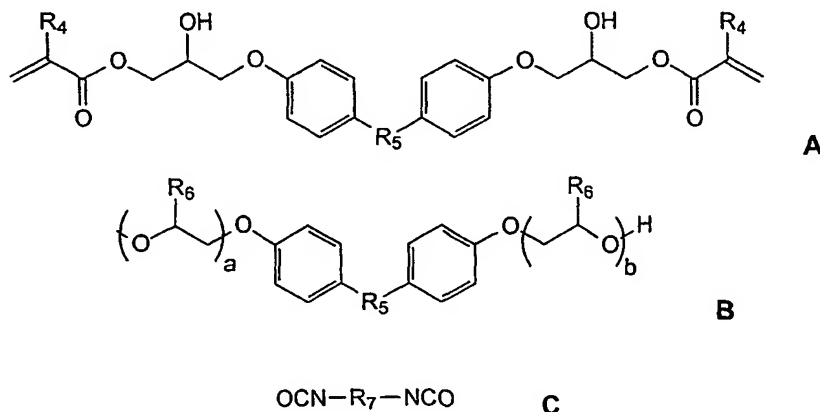
R_3 is a difunctional substituted or unsubstituted C_1 to C_{18} alkyl, O, S, SO_2 or $C(CF_3)_2$; and, a and b are integers. Preferably $a + b$ is between 2 and 20, more preferably $a + b$ is between 8 and 20.

[0020] Preferably the alkoxyated bisphenol dimethacrylate is characterized by the following formula



wherein R_1 and R_2 independently denotes H or a monofunctional substituted or unsubstituted C_1 to C_{18} alkyl, C_5 to C_{18} substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl, substituted unsubstituted C_5 to C_{30} arylene or heteroarylene, and a and b are integers.

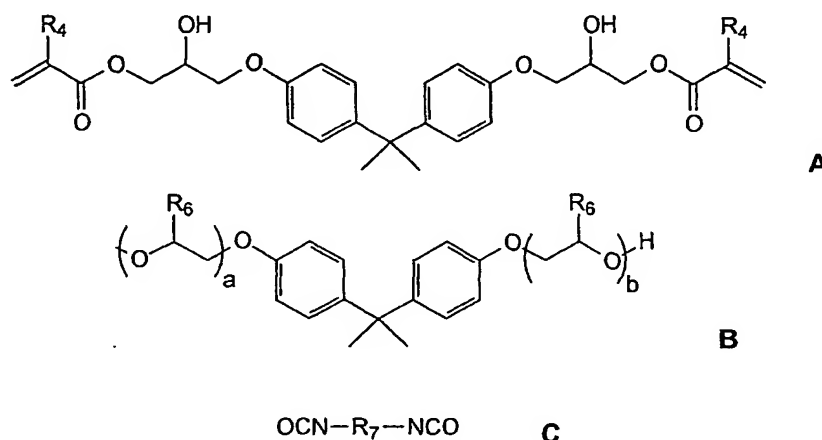
[0021] An example of a useful polymerizable di- or poly(meth)acrylate is the reaction product of molecules **A** and **B** with diisocyanate **C** as follows:



wherein the molar ratio of **A** and **B** varies between 1.0 to 0 and 0.2 to 0.8 and the molar ratio of (**A** + **B**) and **C** varies between 1.0 to 0.05 and 1.0 to

1.1; wherein R_4 denotes H or a monofunctional substituted or unsubstituted C_1 to C_{18} alkyl, C_5 to C_{18} substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl, substituted unsubstituted C_5 to C_{30} arylene or heteroarylene; R_5 is a difunctional substituted or unsubstituted C_1 to C_{18} alkyl, O, S, SO_2 or $C(CF_3)_2$; R_6 denotes H or a monofunctional substituted or unsubstituted C_1 to C_{18} alkyl, C_5 to C_{18} substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl, substituted unsubstituted C_5 to C_{30} arylene or heteroarylene; R_7 is a difunctional substituted or unsubstituted C_2 to C_{30} alkylene, C_5 to C_{30} substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkylene, substituted or unsubstituted C_5 to C_{30} arylene or heteroarylene and a and b are integers as hereinabove.

[0022] In the alternative, the polymerizable di- or poly(meth)acrylate is received by reaction of molecules **A** and **B** with diisocyanate **C**



whereby the molar ratio of **A** and **B** varies between 1.0 to 0 and 0.2 to 0.8 and the molar ratio of (**A** + **B**) and **C** varies between 1.0 to 0.05 and 1.0 to 1.1; wherein R_4 denotes H or a monofunctional substituted or unsubstituted C_1 to C_{18} alkyl, C_5 to C_{18} substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl, substituted unsubstituted C_5 to C_{30} arylene or heteroarylene; R_6 denotes H or a monofunctional substituted or unsubstituted C_1 to C_{18} alkyl, C_5 to C_{18} substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl, substituted unsubstituted C_5 to C_{30} arylene or heteroarylene; R_7 is a difunctional substituted or unsubstituted C_2 to C_{30} alkylene, C_5 to C_{30} substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkylene, substituted or unsubstituted C_5 to C_{30} arylene or heteroarylene; and a and b are integers as hereinabove.

[0023] As polymerizable monomers are usable mono- and polyfunctional acrylates or methacrylates, such as diethyleneglycol dimethacrylate,

triethyleneglycol dimethacrylate, 3,(4),8,(9)-dimethacryloyloxymethyl tricyclodecane, dioxolan bismethacrylate, vinyl-, vinylen- or vinyliden-, acrylic- or methacrylic substituted spiroorthoesters, spiroorthocarbonates or bicyloorthoesters, glycerin trimethacrylate, trimethylol propane triacrylate, furfurylmethacrylate.

[0024] The photoinitiator is for example benzoinmethylether, benzilketal, camphor quinone/amine, or an acylphosphin oxide in a content of 0.1 to 3 wt-%, or any other conventional and useful photoinitiator.

[0025] The low shrinking dental material is filled with inorganic fillers, inorganic compounds such as La_2O_3 , ZrO_2 , BiPO_4 , CaWO_4 , BaWO_4 , SrF_2 , Bi_2O_3 , porous glasses or organic fillers, such as polymer granulate or a combination of organic and/or inorganic fillers or reactive inorganic fillers having a average diameter of less than about 10 μm .

[0026] The volumetric shrinkage was measured using AccuPyc 1300 (Micrometrics, USA) based on measurements of density of polymerized and non-polymerized composite followed by calculation of volumetric shrinkage. This method was applied and described by W.D. Cook et al., Dent. Mat. **15** (1999) 447.

[0027] The Archimedes method for estimation of the shrinkage bases on the measurement of the weight of the non-polymerized and of the polymerized material on air and in water. From these values the densities are calculated. The densities of the non-polymerized and of the polymerized material are used for calculating the shrinkage.

EXAMPLE 1

[0028] 27.864 g 2,2-Bis-[p-(2-hydroxy-3-methacryloyloxypropoxy)-phenyl]-propane, 61.308 g Ethoxylated Bis-GMA CD540, 2.500 g Diethylene glycol dimethacrylate and 0.330 Dibutyl tinlaurate were mixed homogeneously under stirring and heating at 40 °C. To this reaction mixture 7.898 g Hexamethylene diisocyanate were added and reacted until the absorption band of isocyanate completely disappeared at 2220 cm^{-1} .

[0029] Thereafter 0.1 g 2,6-di-tert.-butyl-4-cresol, 0.300 g camphor quinone and 0.350 g Dimethyl aminobenzoic acid ethylester were dissolved in the polymerizable matrix resin. This resin has a viscosity at 23 °C of 57.3 ± 0.8 Pa*s and a refractive index at 20 °C of 1.5360.

[0030] Using 24.350 g polymerizable matrix resin and 75.650 g Barium aluminosilicate glass a composite was prepared by mixing and stirring under vacuum.

[0031] The properties of the composite are summarized in Table 1.

EXAMPLE 2

[0032] 20.898 g 2,2-Bis-[p-(2-hydroxy-3-methacryloyloxypropoxy)-phenyl]-propane, 63.395 g Ethoxylated Bis-GMA (CD540 Sartomer), 4.681 g Bisphenol-A-propoxylate (1PO/Phenol), 2.500 g Diethylene glycol dimethacrylate and 0.330 Dibutyl tinlaurate were mixed homogeneously under stirring and heating at 40 °C. To this reaction mixture 7.898 g Hexamethylene diisocyanate were added and reacted until the absorption band of isocyanate completely disappeared at 2220 cm⁻¹.

[0033] Thereafter 0.1 g 2,6-di-tert.-butyl-4-cresol, 0.300 g camphor quinone and 0.350 g Dimethyl aminobenzoic acid ethylester were dissolved in the polymerizable matrix resin. This resin has a viscosity at 23 °C of 48.6 ± 0.2 Pa*s, a refractive index at 20 °C of 1.5361 and a volumetric shrinkage $\Delta V/V = 4.15\%$.

[0034] Using 24.560 g polymerizable matrix resin and 75.440 g Barium aluminosilicate glass a composite was prepared by mixing and stirring under vacuum.

[0035] The properties of the composite are summarized in Table 1.

COMPARATIVE EXAMPLES 1 - 10

[0036] In the following are summarized the results of shrinkage measurement using AccuPyc 1330 of commercial composites as well as their mechanical properties.

Table 1 Properties of claimed and competitive composites

Composite	Producer	Batch	Color	Polymerization ΔV *) %	Compressive strength MPa	Flexural strength MPa	E-modules MPa
Example 1	Dentsply	MG3-148-1	non-colored	1.854 \pm 0.046	342 \pm 14	119 \pm 14	8000 \pm 592
Example 2	Dentsply	MG3-159-3	non-colored	1.501 \pm 0.102	307 \pm 18	133 \pm 10	7574 \pm 748
Synergy	Coltene	IB741	A2	2.683 \pm 0.105	343 \pm 19	114 \pm 4	7590 \pm 280
Spectrum	Dentsply	00591	A2	3.156 \pm 0.105	325 \pm 21	101 \pm 5	8174 \pm 292
Z100	3M	19980130	A2	2.305 \pm 0.125	403 \pm 23	135 \pm 4	12219 \pm 554
Herculite	Kerr	904125	C2	2.475 \pm 0.096	337 \pm 30	110 \pm 7	7790 \pm 328
Prodigy	Kerr	906417	A2	-	352 \pm 34	120 \pm 10	6880 \pm 194
Prodigy cond.	Kerr	910154	A2	2.759 \pm 0.020	355 \pm 19	96 \pm 8	7159 \pm 421
Solitaire	Kulzer	29	A20	3.096 \pm 0.114	382 \pm 20	56 \pm 6	3789 \pm 363
Charisma	Kulzer	60026	A2	3.253 \pm 0.129	3565 \pm 16	98 \pm 14	7491 \pm 274
Tetric Ceram	Vivadent	B10473	A2	2.491 \pm 0.048	343 \pm 21	125 \pm 4	8822 \pm 280
Ariston pHc	Vivadent	B21134	universal white	2.539 \pm 0.180	309 \pm 12	97 \pm 8	8076 \pm 512

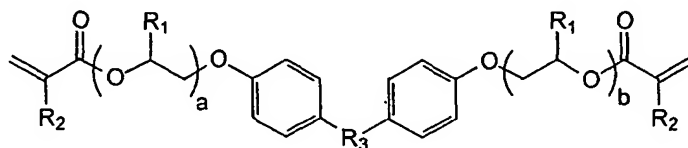
*) Measurement of density of polymerized and non-polymerized composite using AccuPyc 1330 followed by calculation of volumetric shrinkage

[0037] It should now be apparent that a dental material according to the foregoing description accomplishes the objects of the invention and otherwise makes a contribution to the art. The foregoing description illustrates preferred embodiments of the invention. However, concepts employed may, based upon the description, be employed in other embodiments without departing from the scope of the invention.

We claim:

We claim:

1. Low shrinking polymerizable dental material, comprising a mixture of
 - (iii) 70 to 85 w/w of an organic or an inorganic filler and
 - (iv) 15 to 30 % w/w of a polymerizable resin matrix
 having a volumetric polymerization shrinkage of less than 2 % v/v.
2. Low shrinking polymerizable dental material of claim 1, wherein said polymerizable resin matrix comprising a mixture of
 - (vi) 25 to 40 % w/w of a polymerizable di- or poly(meth)acrylate,
 - (vii) 45 to 65 % w/w of an alkoxyated bisphenol dimethacrylate,
 - (viii) 0 to 20 % w/w of a polymerizable monomer,
 - (ix) 0.1 to 3.0 % w/w of polymerization initiator and/or sensitizer and stabilizer and
 - (x) 0 to 10 % of an antimicrobial compound.
3. Low shrinking polymerizable dental material of claims 2, wherein said alkoxyated bisphenol dimethacrylate is characterized by the following formula



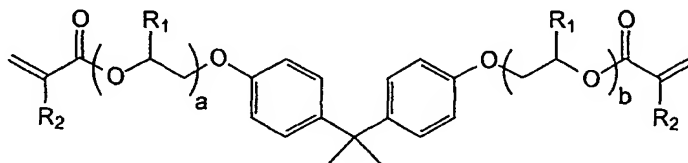
wherein

R_1 and R_2 independently denotes H or a monofunctional substituted or unsubstituted C_1 to C_{18} alkyl, C_5 to C_{18} substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl, substituted unsubstituted C_5 to C_{30} arylene or heteroarylene

R_3 is a difunctional substituted or unsubstituted C_1 to C_{18} alkyl, O, S, SO_2 or $C(CF_3)_2$,

a and b are integers.

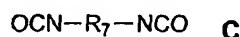
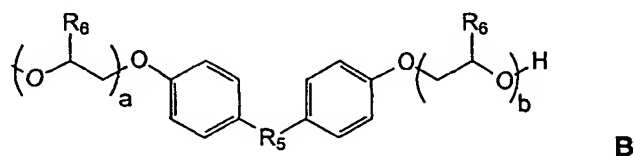
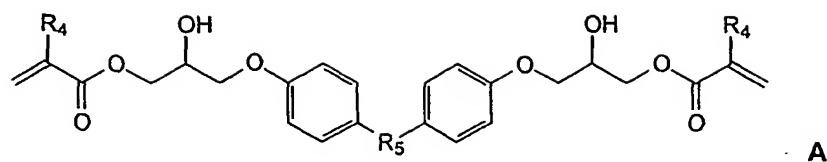
4. Low shrinking polymerizable dental material of claim 3, wherein preferably $a + b$ is ranging between 2 and 20.
5. Low shrinking polymerizable dental material of claim 3, wherein $a + b$ is from 8 to 20.
6. Low shrinking polymerizable dental material of claim 2, wherein said alkoxyated bisphenol dimethacrylate is characterized by the following formula



wherein

R_1 and R_2 independently denotes H or a monofunctional substituted or unsubstituted C_1 to C_{18} alkyl, C_5 to C_{18} substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl, substituted unsubstituted C_5 to C_{30} arylene or heteroarylene
 a and b are integers.

7. Low shrinking polymerizable dental material of claim 6, wherein $a + b$ is from 2 to 20.
8. Low shrinking polymerizable dental material of claim 6, wherein $a + b$ is from 8 to 20.
9. Low shrinking polymerizable dental material of claim 2, wherein said polymerizable di- or poly(meth)acrylate is the reaction product of molecules **A** and **B** with **C**



wherein the molar ratio of **A** and **B** varies between 1.0 to 0 and 0.2 to 0.8 and the molar ratio of (**A** + **B**) and **C** varies between 1.0 to 0.05 and 1.0 to 1.1,

wherein

R₄ denotes H or a monofunctional substituted or unsubstituted C₁ to C₁₈ alkyl, C₅ to C₁₈ substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl, substituted unsubstituted C₅ to C₃₀ arylene or heteroarylene

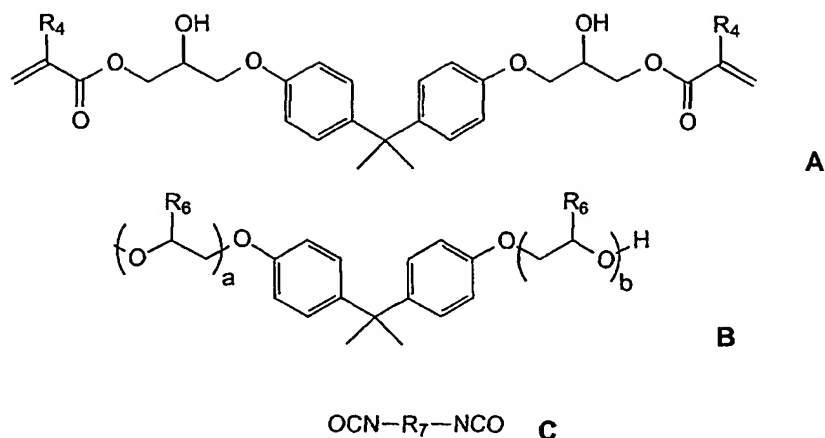
R₅ is a difunctional substituted or unsubstituted C₁ to C₁₈ alkyl, O, S, SO₂ or C(CF₃)₂,

R₆ denotes H or a monofunctional substituted or unsubstituted C₁ to C₁₈ alkyl, C₅ to C₁₈ substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl, substituted unsubstituted C₅ to C₃₀ arylene or heteroarylene

R₇ is a difunctional substituted or unsubstituted C₂ to C₃₀ alkylene, C₅ to C₃₀ substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkylene, substituted or unsubstituted C₅ to C₃₀ arylene or heteroarylene

a and b are integers.

10. Low shrinking polymerizable dental material of claim 2, wherein said polymerizable di- or poly(meth)acrylate is received by reaction of molecules **A** and **B** with **C**



whereby the molar ratio of **A** and **B** varies between 1.0 to 0 and 0.2 to 0.8 and the molar ratio of (**A** + **B**) and **C** varies between 1.0 to 0.05 and 1.0 to 1.1,

wherein

R_4 denotes H or a monofunctional substituted or unsubstituted C_1 to C_{18} alkyl, C_5 to C_{18} substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl, substituted unsubstituted C_5 to C_{30} arylene or heteroarylene

R_6 denotes H or a monofunctional substituted or unsubstituted C_1 to C_{18} alkyl, C_5 to C_{18} substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl, substituted unsubstituted C_5 to C_{30} arylene or heteroarylene

R_7 is a difunctional substituted or unsubstituted C_2 to C_{30} alkylene, C_5 to C_{30} substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkylene, substituted or unsubstituted C_5 to C_{30} arylene or heteroarylene

a and b are integers.

11. Low shrinking polymerizable dental material of claim 2 wherein said polymerizable monomer is a mono- and polyfunctional acrylate or methacrylate.
12. Low shrinking polymerizable dental material of claim 11, wherein said monomer is diethyleneglycol dimethacrylate, triethyleneglycol dimethacrylate, 3,(4),8,(9)-dimethacryloyloxymethyltricyclodecane, dioxolan bismethacrylate, vinyl-, vinylen- or vinyliden-, acrylic- or methacrylic substituted

spiroorthoesters, spiroorthocarbonates or bicyloorthoesters, glycerin trimethacrylate, trimethylol propane triacrylate, furfurylmethacrylate.

13. Low shrinking polymerizable dental material of claim 2 wherein said polymerization initiator and/or sensitizer is photoinitiator selected from benzoinmethylether, benzilketal, camphor quinone or acylphosphin oxide.
14. Low shrinking polymerizable dental material of claim 2 wherein the polymerization initiators is a redox initiator selected from dibenzoylperoxide/aromatic or aliphatic tert. amine, tert. butyl peroxy benzoate/ascorbic acid/metal compound.
15. Low shrinking polymerizable dental material of claim 1 wherein said filler is an inorganic filler, an inorganic compound such as La_2O_3 , ZrO_2 , BiPO_4 , CaWO_4 , BaWO_4 , SrF_2 , Bi_2O_3 , a porous glass or an organic filler, such as polymer granulate or a combination of organic and/or inorganic fillers or reactive inorganic fillers.
16. Low shrinking polymerizable dental material of claim 1 wherein said filler are embrittled glass fibers or compositions of these fillers and inorganic and/or organic fillers.
17. Low shrinking polymerizable dental material of claim 1 wherein said antimicrobial compound is a antimicrobial acting substance selected from trichlosan or chlorohexidine.

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